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STATE BOUNDARY COMMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION DEFINITIONS

Commission decisions may include any of the following:

REJECTION as legally insufficient.

This occurs when the petition documents are flawed. When this action occurs, no public hearing is held on the merits of the request. No two year moratorium on refilling results. Petitioners frequently correct the flaws and refile within a few months.

DENIAL of the petitioned action.

This action may only follow a public hearing and deliberation on the merits of the request. A denial ends consideration of the request and establishes a 2-year moratorium (measured from filing date to filing date) on reconsideration of any of the same territory.

APPROVAL of the petitioned action, or APPROVAL WITH REVISIONS.

The Commission may approve the action petitioned, or it may adjust the boundaries it approves to include a greater or lesser area than what was initially petitioned. In some instances, the Commission approval, with or without revisions, enables certain citizens to petition for a referendum on the Commission's decision. Note: that any area eventually approved by the Commission had to have been included for consideration a public hearing.

Copies of the State Boundary Commission's Findings of Fact and Orders for each docket are provided to the petitioner and to clerks of the counties, cities and townships involved at the time a decision is reached.